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Brooksville, the dasheens having been stored near some corn severely infested.—E. W. Berger reported an early and unprecedented demand for the Red Aschersonia, or Red Whitefly Fungus.—Prof. Carl J. Drake briefly discussed a new species of Lacebug (tingid) and showed specimens. He also briefly reported on some of the parasites of the Green Pumpkin Bug.

The principal paper of the evening was by Prof. Carl J. Drake, of Syracuse University, N. Y., on "Water Hemiptera" (Water Bugs). Prof. Drake showed a number of live specimens and gave brief accounts of their habits. He stated that, while these insects are not generally of economic importance, some feed on fish and are therefore injurious to the food supply. In species of *Belostoma*, the Electric Light Bugs, the male carries the eggs of the female on his back.

The second paper of the evening was by Mr. K. E. Bragdon on "*Euscepes porcellus*", a snout beetle very similar to *Euscepes batatae*, the West Indian Sweet Potato Weevil. In his search for the latter near Moor Haven, he found the former infesting the Moon Vine, a morning glory. Porcellus has been reported as injuring sweet potatoes in Jamaica but not known to do so in Florida. Batatae is not known to occur in Florida.

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## NOTES FROM THE LEE COUNTY ENTOMOLOGICAL SOCIETY

(Branch of the Florida Entomological Society)

During the past quarter the Lee County Entomological Society has held its regular weekly meetings on Tuesday evenings. During the early part of the quarter the society had as its guest Dr. J. H. Montgomery, who gave a very interesting and helpful talk on the Spiny Citrus Whitefly (*Aleurocanthus woglumi*, Ashby).

On Thursday evening, Jan. 17th, W. L. Benedict treated the society to a stag dinner at the Hotel Elton. The affair was given in honor of R. G. Oliphant, who was shortly to leave on an inspection tour of the Florida Keys conducted by the State Plant Board.

Stanley Millege has been transferred to Citra, Fla., where he will continue his work as inspector for the State Plant Board.

At the February 5th meeting the present officers were re-elected to serve during the coming quarter. The officers are: Shirley B. Walker, Pres.; Fritz Fuchs, Vice-Pres.; Roy Thompson, Sec-Treas.

The return of Fritz Fuchs to his home at Redland, Fla., is viewed with deepest regret by all who knew him. Mr. Fuchs was a hard and enthusiastic worker and his departure is a distinct loss to the society.

Orange aphids are unusually abundant in the vicinity of Fort Myers this spring and we may look for some little damage on their account.

The orange sharpshooter is also causing some damage here.

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### PERSONALS

Mr. C. E. Wilson, formerly Assistant Entomologist to the Plant Board, has been appointed Neural Histologist in the Brain Surgery Department, U. S. A. Medical Corps. He will be engaged in research work in France.

Mr. A. C. Mason, formerly connected with the Station and Plant Board, is now in the U. S. Army Hospital Service.

Mr. K. E. Bragdon, who has done such valuable work for the Society as Secretary-Treasurer and for THE BUGGLST as Business Manager, has been obliged on account of his official duties to resign both positions. It is largely this that is responsible for the delay in publishing THE BUGGIST.

Prof. Carl J. Drake, Associate Professor in Entomology in the School of Forestry of Syracuse University, has been employed for the summer to assist in the Entomological Department of the Experiment Station. He is working on the life history of the Southern Green Stink Bug or "Pumpkin Bug" (*Nezara viridula*).

Among the welcome additions to entomologists of Gainesville is Prof. Fatig, who has come from Dakota to take charge of the work of the State agricultural schools. He has a large collection of hymenoptera and diptera.

Luther Brown, agent State Plant Board, enlisted in the U. S. Navy Hospital Service on March 18.